

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Fran Hammond

Greetings from Colorado, by the time you read this I will have returned from a two week trip to Spain, so for now I'm spending my time gathering what I think will be necessities and planning a sensible wardrobe.

We are including a ballot with this issue along with the dues notice for 2005. Please return to Betty Rutherford. Those of you who are using the web site, I'm sure that Chris will have them somewhere just look around.

There were some errors with the first issue on the web site. Some wanted hard copies who were put on the wrong list, a few couldn't get the system to work, some added their names to use the site. We apologize for any inconvenience. Please notify me or the webmaster Chris of any change you wish to make.

Notice that we have a new name for treasurer on the ballot, Betty has had failing eye sight and now finds her self as care giver to Bob who is not well. Laurie Ryan attended the Biology Unit meeting in Memphis and volunteered to be our new treasurer. Welcome aboard Laurie.

Betty first took over as secretary in 1981, then as secretary-treasurer until Chris took over the secretary's load. I have enjoyed working with Betty since '91. We have shared hours on the phone, many many e-mails along with sharing a room at the annual conventions. Let us all give thanks to Betty for her years of devotion to the unit. You notice she really hasn't given it all up as she will be one of our directors. I won't be in contact with you as much, but I will be working with you as a director and will always have you as a friend.

Until next time – Fran

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